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MEGA POWER PROJECT AT HIRMA IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country`s first mega power project is being executed at Hirma in Orissa;

(b) if so, the public as well as private sector companies who are developing this power project;

(c) the plant load factor of the project;

(d) the requirement of coal for the project;

(e) whether any agreement has been made with the Mahanadi Coal- fields Limited for coal supply to that mega power project; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b) : M/s. Southern Energy Asia Pacific Limited (SEAP), Hong Kong (earlier known as Consolidated Electric Power Asia Ltd.), a wholly owned subsidiary of Southern Energy Inc., USA, is proposing to set up the 6x660 MW Hirma Thermal Power Project ir Jharsuguda District, OriPsa under the revised mega power policy of the Government of India announced in November, 1998 through a Joint Development Agreement entered into on 22.1.1999 between them and Reliance Power Ltd. (RPL) to jointly develop,construct, own, operate and maintain the project. The Power Trading Corporation ofIndia Ltd. has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding on 6.12.1999 with M/s SEAP for development of the project for purchase of the entire power generated from the project and for sale of the same to various State Electricity Boards.

(c) : The fixed charges of the project are based on guaranteed availability of 85%. The plant load factor of the power station will depend on actual off take of power by the beneficiary States.

(d) to (f) : The Standing Linkage Committee of the Ministry of Mines & Minerals(Department of Coal) has granted a linkage of 19 million tones per annum to the project from the Ib Valley Coalfields of Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.The promoters of the project have not yet concluded the Fuel Supply Agreement with the coal company.